

FANS HOPE LENA BLACKBURNE WILL LEARN TO PLAY THE PILL WHILE PLAYING FOR THE PHILS

TOUGH JOB TO HOLD A PUGILIST CROWN THESE WARLIKE DAYS

Champion Always Pursued and Is Unpopular as Crowd Likes the Climber—Tendler Still on Trail of Leonard

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by Public Ledger Co. IT ISN'T a cinch to hold a world's pugilistic championship. Just as soon as a boxer rises above the mediocre class, appears in wind-ups and wins the title from the champ, he is hip-hip-hoorayed for about a week and then gets slammed on all sides. Everybody wants to see the champion get licked, because there always is a thrill and plenty of excitement when the crown is transferred from one noble, intellectual brow to another. Jeffries was dragged out of retirement to be whipped, Johnson was hounded all over the world until some big man was uncovered who could beat him, Willard was grilled and panned because he wouldn't fight and in a short time Dempsey is likely to be handed the same treatment. It's human nature to put the work on the guys at the top because sympathy always is with those who are trying to climb. Freddy Welsh was very unpopular when he held the lightweight title and never got the credit he deserved. Instead, boxers like Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee, Charley White, Willie Jackson and others were given the boosts by the fans. Leonard is the present champion, and while he is very popular, a constant effort is being made to make him defend his title against a logical opponent. Lew Tendler is the best lightweight in the world outside of Leonard, and it is Lewis who is camping on Benn's trail. He has challenged the champion time and again, but as yet has not been recognized. Tendler is demanding a match at 133 pounds ringside, but Leonard will not listen to that proposition. Nor should he. The champion has something to say about the weight question, and if he places the lightweight limit at 135 pounds nothing can change it. This might not seem fair, but it is the custom these days. "I am anxious to meet Leonard," says Tendler, "because I believe I can defeat him. I am a legitimate lightweight. I can make 133 pounds and Leonard should do the same. However, I am willing to make a proposition to Leonard which is fair on my part. I will meet him at catchweights, which means he can enter the ring at 140 pounds if he wishes. BUT—he must first admit he is no lightweight. If he doesn't care to do that, let him meet me at 135 or 135 pounds."

"AFTER I box Joe Welling next Monday night I shall go after Leonard and try to force him into a match. Welling is a tough boy, and I hope to prove by beating him that I am entitled to recognition in a contest for the world's championship."

Dempsey Has No Terrors for Levinsky

BATTLING LEVINSKY dropped into the office early this morning to give his version of the Dempsey-Willard bout. The fighter also appears here on Monday night and is training hard to be in the best possible shape to meet Harry Greb. "Dempsey is a wonderful fighter," said Levinsky. "He is much better than I supposed, although he knocked me out last fall. I was not in good condition at the time and every one knows it, and I thought a big clever man could take Jack's measure. However, in his bout with Willard he showed me he could hit and also take a punch. He will be champion for a long time, and if he is licked it will be by some light-heavyweight who can hit. "Jack is a terrible slugger and goes after his man from the opening gong. He hands out a shower of punches which are hard for a big man to block, and the result is that Dempsey usually scores a knockout. A big man is placed at a disadvantage because the whirlwind attack sweeps him off his feet. He never has a chance to set himself before delivering a blow, and therefore is virtually harmless. A clever, hard hitter who can sock from any angle and any position has a better chance with the champion. But he must be able to take everything Dempsey has for three rounds or he will get into trouble. "To my mind the only way to block Dempsey's wallops is to take them on the shoulder. You can't get your hands up quickly enough. I would like to box him again, because I am in good shape now and know I can give him an interesting argument. Also, I wish to state that I don't believe Dempsey can knock me out again."

Levinsky is a much improved boxer at present. I saw him beat Billy Mike in Toledo and his work was a revelation. The fighter is hitting better and has mastered the left jab used by Jack Britton. He holds the arm rigidly, and when his opponent comes tearing in he moves it not more than two or three inches in delivering a wallop. It is a hard blow to stop and does considerable damage in a long fight. That one punch beat Mike and probably will make it uncomfortable for Greb.

TED (KID) LEWIS, former welter champion, will make an effort to come back in a bout with Steve Lato. George Chaney, another who was toppled over recently, meets Joe Tiplitz. These contests should be very good.

Blackburne Should Strengthen Infield

GAVVY CRAVATH has started to strengthen the Phils and today will introduce a new third baseman to the fans. It is Lena Blackburne, who has been purchased from the Boston Braves, and the work of the new man will be watched with interest. Blackburne is the Finnegun of baseball. He is in again and out again more than any other player, but at the same time is a high-class performer. He did well with Cincinnati last year and this year was unfortunate in being on a club which had an oversupply of infielders. Herzog, Ravlings, Maranville, Boeckel and Red Smith got into games regularly and Lena was forced to remain on the bench. He was anxious to go to some other club to show what he could do and will give his best efforts to the Phils. The new infielder is known as a peppery player. He plays a brilliant fielding game, is constantly on his toes and never is discouraged. If he goes to bat fifty times without getting a hit he will rush back to his position and play his head off just the same. He usually bats around .250, which is all right for an infielder. With Bancroft on the other side of him, the Phils will have a strong, aggressive defensive right wing. There has been nothing wrong with the playing of Baird, but Doug has not been in good physical shape and will be given a chance to recuperate. Baird is one of the best base-runners in the league and a good batsman, and will remain with the ball club if Blackburne makes good or not. Gavy made a wise move when he switched Sicking to second base. Eddie is not the best shortstop in the world, but looks mighty good at the keystone sack. He covers lots of ground, shows lots of pep and can hit the ball. For a time it looked as if Sicking was playing indifferent ball, but that cannot be said about him now. He is giving his best and is showing results. He will be a valuable man before the season ends.

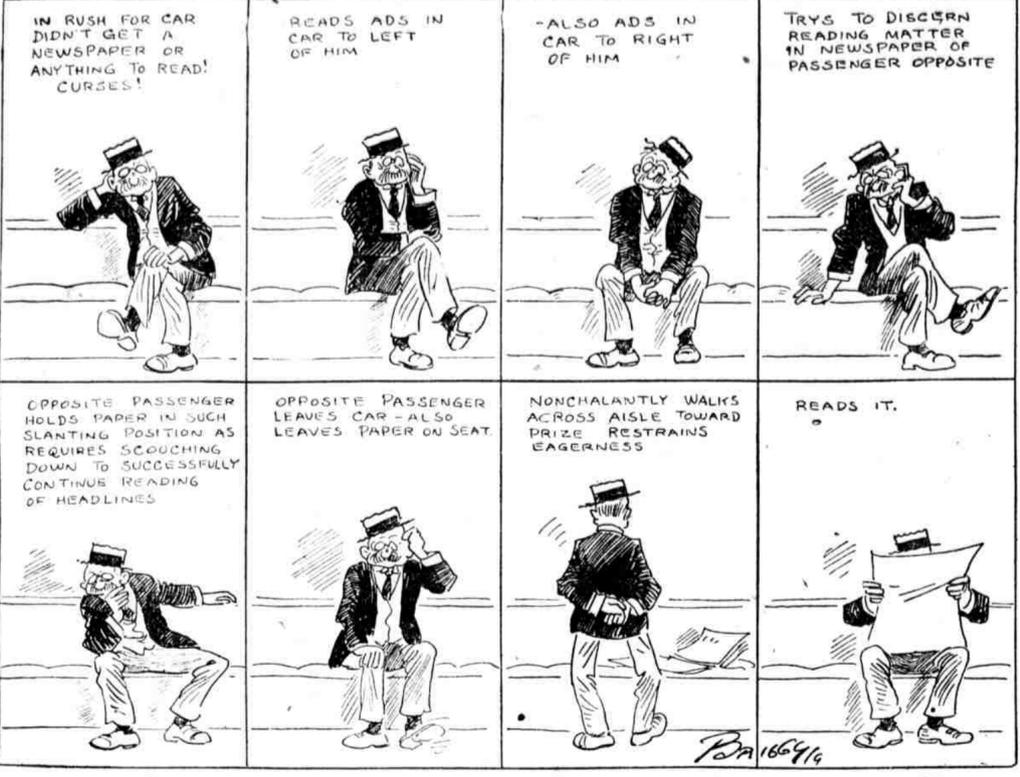
GEORGE WHITTED also is playing good ball. He is a fighter and never quits. This year he has been playing all over the lot, one day in the outfield and the other in the infield. He has been spiked, suffered from two charley horses at the same time, but stuck on the job. His four hits in the second game Wednesday assisted greatly in the victory.

No Half System With Gavyvites

CRAVATH has announced his policy as manager of the club. "I have my own ideas about running a ball club," he said, "and they will be obeyed. However, I want it understood that I do not consider myself better than the other players and am just as close to them as before. They are my friends and I know they will give me the best they have. All of us have been employed to play ball, it is our means of livelihood, and we will do the best we can. I want to say that we are out to win ball games and will not be beaten without a struggle." Gavy, however, has a hard job on his hands. The fans realize it and are showing the proper spirit in giving him a chance. On Wednesday there was more excitement than at a world's series when the losing streak was broken and Cravath was cheered to the echo when he left the field. The veteran slugger is one of the most popular managers we ever have had in Philadelphia, and will be a public idol if his team starts to win some games.

BUT, take it from us, it is SOME job to restore confidence to a ball club which has lost twenty-nine out of thirty-three games. Give George a chance.

MOVIE OF A MAN IN A STREET CAR WITH NOTHING TO READ



CHAMPION SWIMMERS IN RIVER CARNIVAL

Olga Dorfner, Leo Giebel, Volmer and Other Stars to Appear Tomorrow

MEADOWBROOK IS ENTERED

The Riverton Yacht Club will introduce the first of a number of swimming carnivals tomorrow on the Delaware river. The events will be contested in front of the club's wharf, and according to the arrangements of Chairman Charles B. Darborow, of the swimming committee, the initial meeting should make history in aquatic circles around this section. The water program will cover events from 50 to 500 yards, including many novelty races. Prominent swimmers from this city, New Jersey and New York have already entered in the various events.

Scrap About Scrapers

This is open-air fight night at the Cambria A. C. Promoter Johnny Burns will feature Eddie 'Bull' Smith of the Third Ward and Jack Ward of Elizabeth, N. J. in the main attraction. This will be Smith's first bout in a couple of months. He looked good in his last start.

Young Games

Young Games, a number of Cambria section of the Cambria preliminaries, Jack Hagen, Willie McCloskey, Eddie Miller, Willie Davis, Young Merino and Billy Williams takes on Young Greb.

The third all-star

The third all-star open-air event of the season will be staged at Suburbs Park on Monday night. Lew Tendler and Joe Welling will be the main attraction. This will be Tendler's first engagement since he fractured Pauley Homery at Pennsylvania on June 13.

Harry Greb

Harry Greb, the light heavyweight who wants a smash at Jack Dempsey, battles Battling Levinsky in the fourth all-star bout. The others follow: Ted (Kid) Lewis vs. Steve Lato, George Chaney vs. Joe Tiplitz and Eddie May vs. Harry Pierce.

Premier Phil Glassman

Premier Phil Glassman will introduce the three-referee system on Monday evening. Lew Cravath and Frank 'Old' Craven will officiate in two of the first four bouts. The main attraction will be the third man in the ring when Tendler and Welling clash.

Joe Greff

Joe Greff will stage his show at the National Monday night despite the all-star attraction. Greff's opponent is Eddie Wagner and Wally Hinkle meet in the main attraction. John Hagen, Eddie Miller, Eddie Hovee in the semi-main event. The other bouts follow: Eddie Hood vs. Eddie Mitchell, Young Shierlock vs. Young Mack and Joe Satterly vs. Eddie Kirby.

Doc Cutch

Doc Cutch has added another prospect to his stable. Cutch, of Memphis, is the latest. 'Doc' made a big hit in the shore Wednesday night. Cutch now believes he has a boy that will take the measure of Pete Herman in a title bout.

Frankie Burns

Frankie Burns battles James White in Jersey City on Monday night. On Tuesday evening Johnny Dundee takes on Benny Valzer over the twelve-round distance in Boston.

RELEASE OF TERRY TURNER STIRS CLEVELAND FANDOM

Veteran of Fifteen Years Claims He Was Deliberately and Unjustly Discriminated Against by Fohl

APPEALS TO THE FANS

Cleveland, July 11. WHEN Manager Lee Fohl, of the Indians, gave infielder Terry Turner his unconditional release last week he precipitated what threatens to develop into something very closely approximating a real baseball scandal. Deeply resenting his summary dismissal after more than fifteen years of continuous service with the Cleveland club, the cotton-topped veteran has appealed his case to the local fanatics and publicly aired a long list of real or fancied grievances against his tribal chief. Denied Opportunity Turner charges, in effect, that Fohl has deliberately and unjustly discriminated against him in making up his team, and has denied him the opportunity to which his length of service here would seem to entitle him. He declares that Fohl repeatedly entered him last season when he was playing really excellent ball, and that he has been the victim of more than one "raw deal" of this sort. "It's not a case of sour grapes with me," says Turner in one published interview. "I merely want the fans to know that I have been given a raw deal. I am not blaming President Duon, but I feel that with a square shake from Lee Fohl I would now be playing the short field as Ray Chapman's understudy, and I know I could have delivered the goods."

Program Revised at North Randall

Due to Interference of Rain Meeting Will Be Held Over Until Tomorrow

To Run Five Events Today

Cleveland, O., July 11.—With the North Randall meeting continuing through tomorrow because of the curtailment of yesterday's card to three races due to rain, a complete revival of the Grand Circuit program has been made. By splitting the 2:10 trot into two divisions, two days of racing have been arranged that appear extremely attractive. The 2:05 trot, in which five are entered to start, is the feature of today's card. The other events are a half-mile dash for three-year-old trotters, two divisions of the 2:17 pace and the first division of the 2:10 trot. The second division of the 2:10 trot will be run Saturday, as will also the free-for-all pace and two other trotting events.

Amateur Baseball Notes

THE McAndrews & Forbes Company baseball team, of Camden, has decided to travel and would like to arrange games with Harrowgate, Strawbridge & Clothier, Stetson and other high-class teams. H. Storms is the manager and can be reached at McAndrews & Forbes Company, or call Bell phone Camden 17 at any time during the day. Hidesburg will be the attraction at the Littleton grounds, Park-fourth street and Parkside avenue, Friday night. Slaughter will hurl for the Brothers, while Walsh will do the pitching for the visitors. The game starts at 8 p. m. Dellmar A. C., a first-class traveling team, is without a game for tomorrow. A. H. Ostrand, 2310 South Chadwick street.

Minors Sever Completely Relations With Majors

Chicago, July 11.—All relations between the major and minor baseball leagues were definitely broken off at a meeting yesterday of a committee representing the National Association of Minor Leagues. The committee adopted resolutions ratifying the action taken at the joint meeting with the major leagues in New York last January, when the national agreement was abrogated. The minor leagues will operate independently of the major leagues, and will attempt to settle all disputes within their own organization, instead of appealing to the national commission for final decision or review of any case. The action of the minor league committee means that the major leagues will not be permitted to draft players this fall. Contracts and territorial rights, however, will be respected.

CHICAGO FIGHTING SPIRIT IS AROUSED

Despite Lack of Pitchers Gritty White Sox Take Lead Over Yankees

CREDIT DUE "KID" GLEASON

Admiration must be expressed for the gritty struggle being put up for the American League championship race by "Kid" Gleason and his White Sox. The Yankees have been choked out of first place for the time being and the Chicagoans have ascended. The main difference between the two clubs seems to be a vast amount of nerve, largely in favor of the Sox. Only Three Pitchers Gleason has three pitchers—real ones—while Miller Huggins is able to trot out a young army of slubmen, all of them more or less stars. But with his trio Gleason is showing great finesse. The Yankees undoubtedly are the class of the league so far as figuring a baseball club for its real worth is concerned, but there are circumstances which compel attention to the fact that "Kid" Gleason is manipulating the reins over an organization that will carry the fight to the last ditch. Huggins Well Supplied Williams, Cicotte and Faber are carrying the burden for the Gleason gang, with only occasional assistance from Schellenbach, Kerr and Danforth. Huggins is able to throw Quinn, Thornhill, Shawkey, Shore and Schneider into the fray in regular order, and he has to fall back on Russell, Mogridge, O'Doul and Nelson, any one of whom would be welcomed with a brass band by about seven other clubs. The going is bound to be tough for the Yankees. Gleason's fighting spirit is sunk deep into the hearts of the Sox. They will put up an awful battle.

Eddie Plank an Umpire

Gettysburg, July 11.—Eddie Plank is now occupying the role of umpire in order to keep all factions satisfied in a neck-and-neck race between the baseball teams of the borough, wards of Gettysburg. The teams are bunched for first place and the only way the crowds of fans could be kept in check was to secure the services of the former Athletics' star southpaw as an arbiter.

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I'VE PULLED SOME PIPPINS, BUT I'VE NEVER FIRED MORAN

I've Pulled Some Stuff That Was Worse Than Rough, but Slip Me Credit for Just One Turn—I've Never Canned Pat Moran," Sings Rice

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—By GRANTLAND RICE Copyright, 1919, All Rights Reserved. The Magnate's Rebuttal I have pulled some pippins within my day Which never made Solomon's rep; I have drawn my share of the foolish play, To which you are doubtless hep. I have swapped some pitchers with speed to burn, And batters who'd never fan; But slip me credit for just one turn—I never canned Pat Moran. Chorus: Oh, I never canned Pat Moran; I never canned Pat Moran; I've pulled some stuff That was worse than rough, But I never canned Pat Moran.

"LUCK," remarked a cynical expert, at a gathering of such, "is the ruling factor of every game." "How about playing the piano?" some one remarked. "Well," he said, "you've got to have luck to play that, too—if you don't know how."

The Canadian International Match

IN CANADA, where they play golf under St. Andrew's regulations, the Scheinety putter is barred. No complications will arise when the American team leaves for Hamilton in the next few days, because the Royal Canadian Golf Association doesn't care to make any suggestions regarding the type of clubs that American golfers use. But as United States entries are visiting Canadian soil it wouldn't be bad sportsmanship to play under Canadian rules and regulations, letting the suggestion come from this end of the circuit.

CANADA will have nothing to say about it. But the United States golf team might.

Not a Bit

We thought the Red Sox back in March Would make all others look like dubs; But what chance has the old dope got Against the Standing of the Clubs? We speak of "luck" and "cuppy lie," Of bats that "almost struck the pin"; But what chance has the alibi Against the score that you turn in?

According to Tex Rickard

South America is a long way from being a sport-loving country. Wasn't it Argentina that invented the tango? ATTEMPTING to pick the winner in advance is a foolish undertaking. Your audience never remembers when you were right—only when you guessed the other way. And then—blooie-blooie—to say nothing of Wow-Wow.

For the Book

AN OLD ring referee was talking. "Here's a funny one that happened one night," he remarked. "Two hams were pawing at each other in a six-round bout when one of them decided to renege and take the count. So, without being struck, he dropped and rested upon one arm, while I began the one-two-three stuff. The boxer on his feet then stepped up and kicked the fellow taking the count. "Hey, there," the fellow on the floor barked loudly, "cut that out or I'll get up and knock your head off."

The finest line in literature

is, virtually as follows: "The race isn't to the swift." The author must have known something. THEY ought to award Pat Moran a flag with Cincinnati if he finishes in second place.

AND five years ago just around this date George Stallings was on his way to be called the Miracle Man. Five years ago he made quite a bit of difference to George Stallings and Bill Hohenzollern. For that matter, the crown prince had a better job five years ago today than he holds this morning.

THREE CARDINALS PUNISHED

Snyder Suspended, While Miller and Paulette Draw \$25 Fine

New York, July 11.—The uprising of the St. Louis Cardinals against the umpires at the Polo grounds on Wednesday was costly to Manager Riskey's club. Frank Snyder was indefinitely suspended yesterday by President Heydler, of the National League, and Jack Miller, captain of the team, was fined \$25, while Gene Paulette drew down the same fine. Snyder's suspension leaves the Cardinals badly off behind the bat.

Match for Halifax Trophy Will Be Played Next Week

The Germantown Cricket Club and New York met yesterday at Mannheim to play for the Halifax Cup. Germantown has already won five games in the series and has not yet been defeated, but New York has now gained four points toward the trophy. When play began, Germantown batted first and lost two wickets for thirty runs. At this point the rain cut in and the players were forced to seek shelter. Further play was called off and arrangements were made to replay the game next Thursday at Mannheim.

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